

Remarks/Arguments

35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1-2, 6-7, and 12-15 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Yaguchi Sadao (JP 11-112376).

It is respectfully submitted that Sadao does not teach or suggest "converter circuitry operative to receive a first satellite television signal and to block downconvert the first satellite television signal" followed by "coarse tuning circuitry in communication with said converter circuitry and operative to coarse tune the **first block downconverted** satellite television signal" as recited by the original claim 1 (emphasis added).

The present invention teaches a system which first block downconverts the incoming satellite television signal. The present invention then utilizes course tuning circuitry to course tune the block downconverted signal.

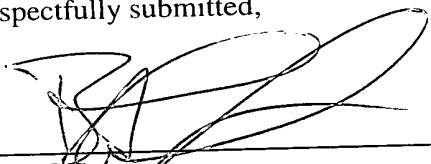
It is submitted that Sadao merely selects the desired television channel at the outdoor unit by conventionally tuning the desired channel using a PLL (214), a mixer (203) and a local oscillator (213). Sadao does not teach or suggest block downconverting the incoming satellite television signal before tuning the television signal. Furthermore, it is further submitted that Sadao does not remotely suggest "oscillator circuitry in communication with said converter circuitry and said coarse tuning circuitry, and operative to generate and provide an oscillator signal to said converter circuitry for block downconverting the first satellite television signal, and to generate and provide the oscillator signal to said coarse tuning circuitry for coarse tuning the first downconverted satellite television signal" as recited by the original claim 1.

It is for these reasons that it is submitted that claim 1 is allowable. Such action is respectfully requested. Furthermore, it is submitted that independent claims 6 and 11 are allowable for at least the same reasons that claim 1 is allowable. Such action is respectfully requested. Since dependant claims 2-5, 7-10, and 12-15 are dependant from allowable claims 1, 6, and 11 respectively, it is submitted that they too are allowable for at least the same reasons for which their respective independent claims are allowable. Such action is respectfully requested.

Having fully addressed the Examiner's rejections it is believed that, in view of the preceding amendments and remarks, this application stands in condition for allowance. Accordingly then, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully solicited. If, however, the Examiner is of the opinion that such action cannot be taken, the Examiner is invited to contact the applicant's representative at (609) 734-6804, so that a mutually convenient date and time for a telephonic interview may be scheduled.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 07-0832.

Respectfully submitted,


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